

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 6 and add new claims 11-15, as follows:

- 1.-5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently amended) A symmetrical hose coupling comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said connector having ~~an~~ at least one outside diameter, the cam ring having a plurality of integral cams arranged on the periphery of the cam ring and projecting from the cam ring in a radial direction, said cams projecting radially beyond the only or largest outside diameter of the cylindrical hose attachment connector for defining the largest outside diameter of said coupling, said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other.
7. (Previously presented) The hose coupling, as claimed in claim 6, wherein the radial surface areas of the cams are inclined in relation to the tangential direction.
8. (Previously presented) The hose coupling, as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cam ring has an annular front face radially inwardly of the cams and an annular undercut groove is recessed in the annular front face for receiving a shaped sealing ring having a sealing lip which protrudes axially beyond the front face of the cam ring.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Previously presented) The hose coupling, as claimed in claim 6, wherein blocking means

are provided for locking the pair of coupling members with each other in a coupled condition.

11. (New) A symmetrical hose coupling comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said connector having an outside diameter, the cam ring having an end face and a peripheral surface, and a plurality of integral cams being arranged on the peripheral surface of the cam ring and projecting from the cam ring in a radial direction, said cams projecting radially beyond the outside diameter of the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other.
12. (New) A symmetrical hose coupling comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said cam ring having a radially inner surface and a radially outer surface, wherein the coupling further comprises a plurality of integral cams arranged on the radially outer surface of the cam ring, said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radially inner surface and a radially outer surface, whereby the cams are arranged with their radially inner surfaces integral with the radially outer surface of the cam ring and each cam having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other.
13. (New) A symmetrical hose coupling comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said cam ring having an

end surface and a peripheral surface, said connector having an outside diameter, the cam ring having a plurality of cams integrally formed with the cam ring and arranged on the periphery of the cam ring, said cams having a cam head, said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other and such that the cam heads stay free and such that the cam heads of each coupling member overlap the cam ring of the other coupling member and the end surfaces of the cam rings face each other.

14. (New) A symmetrical hose coupling comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said connector having an outside diameter, said cam ring having a periphery, said periphery comprising an end surface and an outside circumference and a plurality of integral cams being arranged on the outside circumference of the cam ring and projecting from said outside circumference in a radial direction, said cams projecting radially beyond the outside diameter of the cylindrical hose attachment connector for defining the largest outside diameter of said coupling, said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other.
15. (Currently amended) A symmetrical hose coupling comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said connector having an outside diameter, the cam ring having a plurality of integral cams arranged on the periphery of the cam ring and projecting from the cam ring in a radial direction, said cams projecting radially beyond the outside diameter of the cylindrical hose attachment connector for defining the largest outside diameter of said coupling which is

larger than the outside diameter of said connector by the radial dimension of the cams, said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other.